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1. There is an AAA exercise area 4.5 km east of Hajdubárház, east of the Nyíregyháza-Debrecen Railroad, in Mézes wood. The roads on both sides have been rebuilt to take heavy traffic. The camp area is surrounded by barbed wire.
2. Within the camp there are fixed barracks on concrete foundations, used as offices, magazines and officers' quarters. The enlisted men live in tents during exercises. During the summer several hundred large tents to take 25 men each were set up. The guns were in tent garages with wooden frames. There are electric lights and water connections in the barracks. Patrols guard the camp night and day, which is no simple matter at night, since the area is about 10 square km.
3. Recently there was an independent searchlight formation in the camp, using 120 cm searchlights. It exercises almost every night, and as many as 13 searchlights have been observed in action. The planes came from the direction of Hajduböszörmény, sometimes singly, sometimes in formation. It was required that three searchlights pick up the planes from different directions. One of them then proceeded to lead the machine, while the others concentrated directly on it.
4. During the summer and fall two AAA regiments reached the camp from garrisons in West Hungary. Since the summer there have been at all times at least five partial formations present. Guns of 37, 85 and 122 mm were used. Only fully motorized troops were present. Night exercises were invariably held between 11 and 12 p.m. (midnight). Numerous sound ranging devices mounted on trucks were observed.

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